

her to throw Over her Deck Load & I am told she has met with Considerable damage, I have not seen her since she returned, I waited at Washington [2] sometime for her, but she did not get up, while [I was]* there, On my being determined to leave Washington I consulted with Ben Blackledge what I had better do respect^s. the Sloop, he told me it wou'd be out of his power to Attend to her as he had the Tooly and other vessels of yours to Attend to, and recommended Cap^t. Ross² as a fit person to Attend to the business for me, in Consiquence of which I gave Cap^t. Ross my Orders respecting the same.—

Mr. Collins had the Sloop Insured at Philadelphia for me against all risk at 15 or 20 PC^t. that depended on the Quantity of Ports she went to in the West Indies. You will oblige me very much if you will see Cap^t. Ross and know if the necessary Steps has been taken to enable me to recover the damage and if it has [not been]* done to have it done for me, and to Advise Cap^t. Ross for the best respecting the Business. Cap^t. Ross has Directions to Swap or Sell her, you can see my Orders by applying to Cap^t. Ross for them.—The Bearer herewith my Negro John Carries on, for the purpose to take care of the Sloop with any other Person that Cap^t. Ross may have on Board of her; I have wrote Cap^t. Ross by him also. Expecting to see you in Washington Shortly (for nothing keeps me from coming on but the arrival of the Grampus) I remain D^r Sir—

Your Ob^{dt} Hble Servt
B. Coakley

P. S:

I hope you will direct Cap^t. Ross to do with
the Sloop Hope for me as if she was your own }

Addressed: John G. Blount Esqr.

Merch^t.

Washington

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* Manuscript faded.

² Henry Ross served as supercargo as well as captain for numerous Blount shipments. Keith, *Blount Papers*, II, 47-49, 172-173.